

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for ~~blackening~~treating a components made of steel, the method comprising:

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